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This Amendment was originally filed June 4, 2004, as a Second Preliminary Amendment with an extra claims fee in the amount (\$1,870) then required for 37 total extra claims and 14 extra independent claims (see the attached photocopy of the return card for the Second Preliminary Amendment and fee check) but was never associated with the application (see the "Transaction History" and "Image File Wrapper" for the above-identified application on the USPTO website); and as the undersigned has only very recently discovered, the extra claims fee was refunded to the deposit account of his law firm. Since the application, which was subsequently allowed without consideration of the claims herein presented, is now the subject of a Request for Continued Examination in connection with submission of an Information Disclosure Statement, applicants are re-submitting this Amendment with the extra claims fee now required.

The word "apparatus" has been restored to the title, since apparatus claims are being added to the application herein.

This Amendment adds new claims 48 - 84, to afford assured full coverage for important aspects of the invention.

All new recitals introduced to the claims by the present Preliminary Amendment are supported by the original specification, as follows:

The use of gas to supply internal and/or external positive fluid pressure is supported by the disclosure at p. 6, lines 11-14; p. 10, line 31; and original claim 31. The use of nitrogen, air or argon as the gas is supported by the disclosure at p. 18, lines 13-15. A process temperature above 100°C is supported by the disclosure at p. 10, lines 30-31, and a process temperature of about 300°C is supported by the disclosure at p. 16, line 1. The

disclosed products (metal/aluminum containers) are "hollow metal/aluminum articles" as recited in the preambles of claims 76 - 84.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment, and favorable action, are courteously requested.

Respectfully,

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METAL CONTAINERS AND THE LIKE
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